

# Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Utah Board of Juvenile Justice</b>
<b>Date</b>	Thursday November 21, 2013
<b>Time</b>	8am – 9:30 a.m.
<b>Location</b>	Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Copper Room
<b>Members Present</b>	Pat Berckman, Donovan Bergstrom, Karen Crompton, Chris Crowder, Gini Highfield, Scott Jackson, Anthony Johnson, Spencer Larsen, Judge James Michie, Van Nguyen, Brent Platt, Troy Rawlings, Pam Vickrey
<b>Members Excused</b>	Shirlee Silversmith
<b>Members Absent</b>	Patrick Garcia, Nindy Le, James Marchel, Rachael Skidmore
<b>Staff</b>	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Cuong Nguyen Visitors: Kort Prince
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Welcome and Chair's Report</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Karen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Scott Jackson made the <b>motion</b> to approve the October meeting minutes. Judge Michie <b>seconded</b> the motion which <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p> <p>Reg introduced our newest member Chris Crowder the current Director of Facilities at Christian Life Center Church/ Layton Christian Academy. Reg noted that there are two board member spots yet to fill, a youth member and a local elected official.</p> <p>Reg asked the Board to decide if they wish to renew membership in CJJ (The Coalition for Juvenile Justice). Brent Platt made the <b>motion</b> to approve payment of dues to renew membership. Pat Berckman <b>seconded</b> the motion which <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Utah Criminal &amp; Juvenile Justice Center</b> (tape 9:47)
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Kort Prince from the Utah Criminal Justice Center (UCJC) gave an update on the Risk and Protective Factor Tool (RAPIT) and SHARP (Student Health and Risk Prevention Survey) Data Update. The RAPIT tool is now up and functioning and includes the newest 2013 SHARP survey data and data from the Local Substance Abuse Authority (LSAA). Kort reviewed how to get to the website directly (<a href="http://www.RAPIT.ucjc.utah.edu">www.RAPIT.ucjc.utah.edu</a>), through the UBJJ website (<a href="http://www.justice.utah.gov">www.justice.utah.gov</a>) or the UCJC website (<a href="http://www.ucjc.utah.edu">www.ucjc.utah.edu</a>) and how to use and view the data. The 2013 Utah SHARP update was reviewed and compared to nationwide statistics. 2013 data indicates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That trends show patterns of reduction in lifetime substance use back to 2009 for many substances and from at least 2011 for all but prescription drugs.</li> <li>- Current substance use shows similar trends toward declining 30-day use with the exception of marijuana, which is increasing in terms of 30-day use. This is also a national trend</li> <li>- Substance use related attitudes show increasing levels of disapproval in peer use with the exception of marijuana.</li> <li>- Perceived parental disapproval of substance use remains high</li> <li>- Perceived risk of substance use reveals a similar pattern of increased perceived risk, except with marijuana (which has been steadily declining nationally as well)</li> <li>- Protective factors remain high in Utah and have been predominately increasing, with exceptions of reduced interaction with prosocial peers and rewards for prosocial involvement.</li> <li>- Being bullied at school has shown a dramatic increase, and considering suicide has also increased along with missing school because of not feeling safe.</li> </ul> <p>The need for mental health treatment increased from 2011, but is similar to 2009. The Board discussed the possibility of procuring funding to survey youth in custody.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion – JJ System</b> (tape 50:43)
<b>Notes</b>	The Board discussed Valid Court Order (VCO) exception last month and agreed to discuss it

	<p>further at today's meeting. The VCO exception is a mechanism that can be used with youth that are status offenders. A juvenile court judge can issue a pickup order for contempt and the juvenile can then be taken to detention for things that would not normally qualify. The VCO exception is used a little in Utah. Judge McCully spoke about this to the Board in October. The Board discussed how judicial discretion plays into VCO exception use. Reg would like to discuss the issue with OJJDP and also would like to look into other states that have eliminated VCO and see what other alternative intervention they provide. Reg noted we need some data on how it is being used in Utah because it is being used some. Education for judges would be helpful and it would be good to bring probation in on the discussion too. The use of an emergency hearing instead of issuing a warrant is an alternative. There is a juvenile judicial conference in the spring and judge Michie may add this issue to the agenda. Lawyers should also be trained on this too (use of an emergency hearing) and the juvenile should have the opportunity to walk out of the court room with the judge's orders.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Juvenile Justice Specialist Report</b> (tape 1:23)
<b>Notes</b>	<p><b>Annual Report</b> – Gini Highfield made the <b>motion</b> to approve the current format for the annual report. Pam Vickrey <b>seconded</b> the motion which <b>passed unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>Web Page Update</b> – Corrections are being made to the site and all information will be up soon. Go to <a href="http://www.juvenile.utah.gov">www.juvenile.utah.gov</a> to view.</p> <p><b>JJS Youth Services &amp; Juvenile Receiving Center Working Group</b> – This has been funded with one-time funding for the last five years. The group is working on recommendations to CCJJ on how to better diversify the funding streams going into youth services and receiving centers to solidify them throughout the State.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting is scheduled at 8:00am, Thursday, January 16, 2014, Utah State Capitol Complex, Senate Bldg., Copper Room

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